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BEFORE this reaches the eyes of our readers the Alumni conference for this session will be a thing of the past. We had nearly said it would be but a memory. We trust however that it will be much more; that it will, to both students and alumni, be an abiding power and a stimulus to more earnest study and more zealous effort. The conception of such a yearly conference was a happy one, for this institution more than any other tends to express the organic life of the University. Notwithstanding the daily grind of lectures, we who are students enter into the spirit of the conference, and under the stimulus thus produced, we drink in with renewed enthusiasm the words of lecturers and professors. Candid acknowledgments of ignorance, too, on the part of those who once as students knew mostly everything, give us a wholesome doubt of our own omniscience. The cheery goodfellowship of our elder brothers strengthens our sentiment of loyalty to our

Alma Mater, and the general character and attainments of the men who attend give us the feeling that these are workmen of whom Queen's need not be ashamed, and with that feeling comes renewed resolves that we too will resolutely go out in our own time to be *men* in that most difficult of all tasks, the task of living.

It widens our view, too, of the University and her functions. We who serve out our little span of years within the College walls are prone to think that we are the University and that all her life is bound up in us. One of the grandest thoughts is that our Alma Mater has a past as well as a present; that everywhere and in all walks of life there are those whose characters were formed and whose aspirations were directed to true ideals in these old halls. To see many generations of students represented at these gatherings, to see graduates of a decade or two ago as well as those of but a year or two showing the enthusiasm of student days, sobered yet intensified by actual contact with life, and to realize that they and we are part of a mighty spiritual organism which centres in the old College, but which also reaches out into all life—to see and reflect upon these things is necessarily to exalt our conception of the vocation and influence of old Queen's, and at the same time to bind our hearts to her with an enduring loyalty which is impatient to manifest itself in the wider sphere of actual life.

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The annual meeting of the Rugby Football Club was held at the A.M.S. meeting on Saturday night. Some of the incidents connected with it should furnish food for reflection for thoughtful students who have no ulterior purpose to serve and who desire to see our sports